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SHORT-TERM PROSPECTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

- The Present Situation
- Prospects for Internal Change
- Contingencies

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CONCLUSIONS

A. The Nationalist government is firmly entrenched in power, despite some internal differences on specific applications of apartheid policies. The white opposition is divided. Virtually all the white population supports white supremacy. The nonwhite majority has virtually no political rights and is disorganized. The police are well armed and highly efficient and will ruthlessly suppress any outbreaks of violence. We do not believe that internal developments alone will cause a significant change in basic domestic policies for the next year or two and probably for considerably longer.

B. Calls for more severe international action, particularly economic sanctions, may come in response to the bloody suppression of rioting, as a result of various discussions in the UN, or in the event of a South African refusal to comply with UN demands arising from the final ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on South West Africa.

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C. We consider it unlikely that any outside pressures brought to bear on South Africa would cause the government to alter its basic domestic policies.\* They might only harden the Nationalists in their determination to go their own way. However, there is some flexibility and possibility of accommodation with respect to South West Africa. South Africans regard the US attitude toward international pressures as important and almost certainly believe that the US and UK would be likely to take a strong position in respect to a final ICJ decision on South West Africa.

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\* The representative of the Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, reserves his position on this sentence.